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Northern Va. Region
Dept. of Env. Quality

Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
Air Permit Manager
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Air Board:

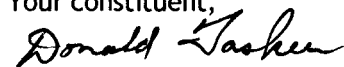
The Potomac Generating Station has been part of our community for over 50 years. As a long time resident of Alexandria I remember when this plant was built in a remote area with little surrounding it. Now of course, the plant stands on prime real estate and is surrounded by high rise condominiums. Residents in the community surrounding the plant are very concerned with plant emissions and it is my belief that the improvements proposed by Mirant will address their concerns.

I am a 71 year old retired government worker. Since I now spend most of my time in this area of course, I am concerned with the air quality and am pleased to hear that the Mirant plant has proposed a solution called "short stacking" which will actually exceed the environmental standards proposed by the Department of Environmental Quality. Also I am so pleased to learn that the people of Alexandria will not have to pay a dime towards this project, since Mirant will be covering the entire cost.

Not only will this project improve our air quality, but it will ensure that there is plenty of power in the grid to cover our current and future needs. There is much resistance in communities towards building power installations, because let's face it no one wants a power plant in their area. Therefore, it is of utmost importance to keep those plants that we do have up and running productively. Our power needs will only increase and the Mirant plant serves as a backup supplier to the most important city in our country, our Nation's Capital.

It is time for our City Council to realize that fighting the power plant does not make sense. Please stop wasting my taxpayer dollars seeking to shut down an important energy supplier. Instead take action to support the environmental improvements that Mirant is proposing.

Your constituent,



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